



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HCR 2029: signatures; initiative; referendum; legislative districts

PRIME SPONSOR: Representative Shooter, LD 13

BILL STATUS: [House Engrossed](#)

APPROP: DP 8-4-0-1-1

Legend:

SOS – Secretary of State

Amendments – **BOLD** and ~~Stricken~~ (Committee)

Abstract

Relating to a referendum to the voters pertaining to initiatives and referendums.

Provisions

1. Upon voter approval:
 - a. Restricts, for initiatives, the right to propose any statewide measure to 10% of the qualified electors from *each of the legislative districts*.
 - b. Restricts, for initiatives, the right to propose any amendment to the Arizona Constitution to 15% of the qualified electors from *each of the legislative districts*.
 - c. Restricts, for referendums proposed by the electorate, the right to propose a measure to the voters to 5% of the qualified electors from *each legislative district*.
2. Directs the SOS to submit the proposition to the voters at the next general election.

Current Law

[Article IV, Part 1, Section 1 of the Arizona Constitution](#) gives the Legislature the power to enact laws, and reserves to the people the power to initiate laws and constitutional amendments and to approve or disapprove laws passed by the Legislature.

Under the initiative power, Arizona voters can suggest changes to the State Constitution or statutes by filing with the SOS a petition that sets forth the title and full text of the proposed measure. A number of registered voters equal to at least 10% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of Governor at the preceding general election must sign a petition to propose a statutory change. For a constitutional amendment, at least 15% of such electors must sign the petition for the measure to qualify for placement on the ballot. Persons who gather signatures on initiative petitions must be residents of Arizona and must be qualified to register to vote.

The referendum power allows the people to voice their approval or disapproval of laws or parts of laws passed by the Legislature. To allow the referendum process to occur, the State Constitution provides that ordinary acts passed by the Legislature do not go into effect for 90 days after the close of the legislative session. Some laws, however, such as those that require earlier operation to preserve the public peace, health or safety or those that provide for the support and maintenance of state agencies, are not subject to the referendum power and take effect immediately. A number of registered voters equal to at least 5% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of Governor at the preceding general election must sign a referendum petition. Completed petitions must be filed with the SOS no later than 90 days after the adjournment of the session of the Legislature that passed the measure being referred.

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